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Honolulu Liquor Commission Fines Club 77, Club Join Us, The Shack, New Imperial Lounge and Club Femme Nu for Various Charges

HONOLULU (**July 7, 2006**) – The Honolulu Liquor Commission (HLC) took the following action at its 1st meeting of the fiscal year on July 6, 2006:

- Club 77(no contest) and Club Join Us (no contest) each were fined \$250 for violation of Rule 3-82-38.4(b) (time card). In addition, Club Join Us was fined a total of \$500 for two violations of Rule 3-82-38.5(a) (non-registered employee) and fined \$1,500 for violation of Rule 3-84-78.01(b) (employee consumption of liquor while on duty). The Commission also required server training within 90 days for the owner.
- **The Shack** (no contest) was fined \$250 for violation of Rule 3-82-38.5(a) (non-registered employee). The Commission dismissed a charge against the licensee for violation of Rule 3-82-38.5(e) (failing to ensure employee had his/her certificate of registration available for inspection).
- **New Imperial Lounge** (guilty) was fined \$500 for violation of Rule 3-84-79.1 (allowing obstruction, hampering or interfering with investigations of HLC operations). The Commission continued until the next available setting adjudications against the licensee for violation of Rule 3-84-78.01(b) (employee consumption of liquor) and violation of Rule 3-82-38.5(a) (non-registered employee).
- Club Femme Nu (guilty) was fined \$1,000 for violation of Rule 3-84-78.042 (fondling).
- Adjudications were continued until the next available setting for **Smith's Union Bar** and **Tad's Liquor Store** (default) for violation of Section 281-78(b)(1)(A), HRS (selling liquor to a minor). Note that the adjudication against **Tad's Liquor Store** was continued for the penalty phase only since a default judgment was entered into the record and the Commission requested the status of the premises be checked.

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During the public hearings portion of the meeting, the Commission:

- Approved the application from **EKC USA**, **Inc.** for a Restaurant General license (Cat. No. 2 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing) of **LDR Restaurant**, **Inc.** (dba **Kay's Grill/After 5**) at 2840 Kapiolani Blvd. and for a change of trade name to **EKC USA**, **Inc.**
- Approved the application from **Phanh Navong, Inc.** (dba **Kularb Lao Thai Restaurant**) for a Restaurant General license (Cat. No. 1 Standard Bar) at 92-590 Farrington Hwy (**The Marketplace at Kapolei**).
- Approved the application from **Mits Enterprises, Inc.** (dba **Kathy's Place**) at 1336 Dillingham Blvd. for a change in category from a Dispenser General license (Cat. No. 4 Hostess) to a Dispensers General license (Cat. No. 3 and 4 Live entertainment or Recorded Music and Dancing; and Hostess).

During the Preliminary Hearing, License Application and Request portion of the meeting, the Commission:

- Approved the application from **Anekona Islander**, **LLC** (dba **Ilikai Hotel**) for a Temporary Hotel General license at 1777 Ala Moana Blvd. The Commission also requested additional documentation from the applicant pertaining to the condominium portion of the licensed premises prior to the public hearing on the transfer application.
- Approved application from **Kepoikai**, **Ltd.** (dba **Kepoikai II**) for transfer of capital stock.
- Approved the amended request from **Emcube, Inc.** (dba **Creations in Catering**) for a casino-themed event on August 5, 2006.
- Approved the add-on request from **Emcube,Inc.** (dba **Creations in Catering**) to convert previously approved Caterer Licenses for two (2) events on July 7, 2006 and three (3) events on July 8, 2006 to Special General Licenses.
- Continued a request until July 20 from the Honolulu Aerie No. 140, Fraternal Order of Eagles (Ladies Auxiliary) for approval to have Bingo games two Sundays per month from August 2006 to May 2007, from 4 to 6 p.m. to have the requestor obtain an opinion from Corporation Counsel regarding the interpretation of bingo as a form of gambling.

During the Other Business portion of the meeting, the Commission:

- Continued until July 20 a Motion for Reconsideration by **Mr. Dong Sok Kang** regarding the Commission's denial of an application for a Retail General license at 1095 Dillingham Blvd. (**Kokea Center**).

The Honolulu Liquor Commission aims to promote our community's health, safety and welfare by effectively and fairly administering and enforcing Hawaii's liquor laws. For more information about the Commission, please visit www.honolulu.gov/liq.